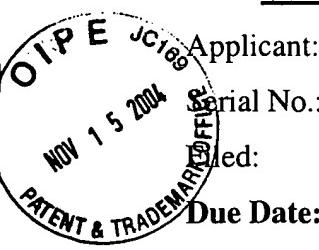


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 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Other _____.
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply.
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
 - iv. Petition for Three-Month Extension-of-Time.
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed _____ months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)
 - b. Other _____.

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3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any

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i. RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

ii. Additional claim (\$36.00) required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c).

ii. Three-Month Extension-of-Time fee (\$980.00) (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17).

iii. Other _____.

b. Check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed).

Respectfully submitted,

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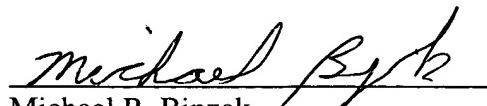
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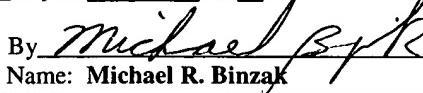
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